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SUBJECT PREPARATIONS FOR OECD MINISTERIAL - DECLARATION
ON RELATIONS WITH LDCS.

1. SUMMARY. HEADS OF DEL (MOST OF THEM SPEAKING WITHOUT PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS) WERE DIVIDED ALONG GENERALLY PRE-DICTABLE LINES DURING MAY 21 MEETING OVER A) WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE SEPARATE DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH LDCS AND B) HOW FORTHCOMING DECLARATION OR COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE. CONSENSUS WAS TO POSTPONE DECISION ON WHETHER THERE WILL BE DECLARATION UNTIL GENERAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON LANGUAGE. SECRETARIAT WILL TABLE NEW DRAFT (INCLUDING WHERE NECESSARY BRACKETED LANGUAGE) ON MAY 22. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT HEADS OF DEL MEETING THAT DAY AT 4:30 P.M.
END SUMMARY.

2. UK REP, SUPPORTED BY VAN LENNEP, OPENED DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT VIEWS DECLARATION AS ESSENTIAL OECD COUNTRY SIGNAL TO LDCS THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO APPROACH 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND UNCTAD MEETINGS WITH CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE AS WELL AS MEANS OF PROVIDING POLITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR MORE SPECIFIC OECD DECISIONS ON COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON COMMODITIES, COMMODITIES HLG AND REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH LDCS. SPEAKING ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS, CANADIAN AND SWEDISH DELS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ISSUANCE OF SEPARATE DECLARATION WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IF CONTENTS WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING, INDICATED THAT PRESENT DRAFT WAS INSUFFICIENT, AND DOUBTED WHETHER LANGUAGE WORTHY OF SEPARATE DECLARATION COULD BE AGREED UPON IN TIME FOR MINISTERIAL. THEY THEREFORE PREFERRED THAT RELATIONS WITH LDCS BE TREATED ONLY IN COMMUNIQUE. JAPANESE PERMREP EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEW ON PERSONAL BASIS.

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3. FRENCH PERMREP, IN STATEMENT HE DESCRIBED AS PERSONAL BUT BASED ON SOME CONSULTATION WITH HIS GOVERNMENT, EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT DECLARATION AS DRAFTED WOULD FACILITATE DIALOGUE WITH LDCS AND, NOTING THAT QUESTION OF NORTH/SOUTH DECLARATION IS UNDER DISCUSSION IN COMMUNITY, SUGGESTED THAT GOF WOULD BE UNABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE DECLARATION OR WHAT LANGUAGE

SHOULD BE UNTIL AFTER MAY 26 FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING
IN DUBLIN.(WHILE COMMISSION REP AND SEVERAL OTHER EC
PERMREPS POINTED TO COMMUNITY EFFORT TO DEVELOP COMMON
POSITION ON DECLARATION, NOHE WENT AS FAR AS FRENCH IN
SUGGESTING THAT NO FURTHER DECISIONS COULD BE MADE UNTIL
AFTER FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING.) NONE OF THE DELEGA-
TIONS WHO FOUND DRAFT DECLARATION LANGUAGE INSUFFICIENTLY
FORTHCOMING OFFERED SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR SPRUCING
IT UP.

4. IN ADDITION TO UK, GERMANY, ITALY, DENMARK, TURKEY,
NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRIA, NORWAY, SWITZERLAND, AND PORTUGAL
SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE ISSUANCE OF SEPARATE DECLARATION.
US REP (KATZ) STATED THAT DECISION WHETHER THERE SHOULD
BE SEPARATE DECLARATION WAS POLITICAL ONE WHICH SHOULD BE
LEFT FOR MINISTERS TO MAKE. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD BE
IN BETTER POSITION TO MAKE THAT DECISION ONCE WE HAVE
CLEARER PICTURE OF CONTENTS.

5. ON LANGUAGE, VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATIONS WHO SPOKE
(INCLUDING US) DISLIKED LANGUAGE OF PARA 8, PARTICULARLY

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PHRASE "MORE RATIONAL AND EQUITABLE WORLD ORDER".
US REP, SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS, SUGGESTED IN ADDITION
THAT LANGUAGE MIGHT BE MORE POSITIVE AND ASSERTIVE,
POSSIBLY LEADING OFF WITH REFERENCE TO BENEFITS WHICH
PRESENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM HAS BROUGHT TO LDCS. HE QUOTED
RELEVANT PASSAGE FROM SECRETARY'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH TO
THAT EFFECT. IRISH PERMREP PROPOSED THAT SOME REFERENCE
BE MADE TO MSAS.

6. MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE SUGGESTED WAS UK PROPOSAL
THAT SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 5 BE DELETED AND THAT
FOLLOWING SENTENCE BE ADDED TO PARA 8: "THEY RECOGNIZED
THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL HAVE THEIR OWN
PROPOSALS TO MAKE FOR DISCUSSION IN THESE FORA AND THEY
EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THESE PROPOSALS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHICH OECD
MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD THEMSELVES BE PUTTING FORWARD".

7. US REP INDICATED PRELIMINARY PREFERENCE FOR RETAINING
PARA 5 AS DRAFTED AND REJECTING ADDITION TO PARA 8
PROPOSED BY UK. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WILL
CONFIRM THIS POSITION TOMORROW ALONG WITH OTHER VIEWS
STATED BY USREP DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
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